CLAIMS

WE CLAIM:

1. A method for automatically configuring a client device, the method comprising: selecting a service provider by a user on the client device, wherein the user selects the service provider from a plurality of service providers;

accessing the service provider by the client device and providing user information data to the service provider;

providing by the service provider to the client device configuration data; and configuring the client device based on the configuration data.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the user information data comprises user identification data and user location data
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the user information data comprises an XML data stream.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein a format for the user information data is the same for each of the plurality of service providers.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accessing the service provider comprises accessing a server associated with the service provider.

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- 6. The method of claim 5, wherein accessing the server associated with the service provider comprises a URL query.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration data comprises server data, communication data and user login data.
 - 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration data comprises an XML data stream.
 - 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing in a memory unit of the client device the configuration data.
 - 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the client device provides the user information data in a first data structure, wherein the service provider communicates in a second data structure; the method further comprising:

providing by the service provider to a translation network device the user information data in the first data structure;

converting on the translation network device the user information data from the first data structure to the second data structure; and

providing by the translation network device the user information data in the second data structure to the service provider.

- 12. The method of claim 10, wherein the second data structure comprises an HTML data structure.
 - 13. The method of claim 10, wherein the translation network device comprises a translator server in communication with the service provider.

14. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

providing the configuration data in the second data structure to the translation network device;

converting the configuration data from the second data structure to the first data structure by the translation network device; and

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sending the configuration data in the first data structure from the translation network device to the service provider; wherein the step of providing by the service provider the configuration data to the client device comprises providing the configuration data in the first data structure.

15. A system for automatically configuring a client device, the system comprising: the client device arranged to:

query a user for a service provider, wherein the client device is arranged to provide a user with an ability to select one of a plurality of service providers;

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query the user for user information data;

send the user information data to a service provider selected by the user;

receive the configuration data from the service provider selected by the user;

use the received configuration data to configure internal application; and

establish a communication session with the service provider selected by the user using the received configuration data; and

the plurality of service providers in communication with the client device, each service provider arranged to:

send the configuration data to the client device upon a receipt of the user information data from the client device.

- 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the client device is further arranged to send the user information data to one of the plurality of service providers in a first data structure, and the plurality of service provider is further arranged to send the configuration data to the client device in the first data structure.
 - 17. The system of claim 16, wherein the first data structure is an XML data structure.
- 18. The system of claim 16, wherein the plurality of service providers is arranged to communicate in the first data structure.
 - 19. The system of claim 16, wherein the plurality of service providers is further arranged to:

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communicate in a second data structure;

communicate with a translator network device arranged to:

receive data in the first data structure from one of the plurality service providers;

translate the data in the first data structure to data in the second data structure;

send the data in the second data structure to one of the plurality service providers.

receive data in the second data structure;

translate the data in the second data structure to data in the first data structure; and send the data in the first data structure to the one of the plurality of service providers.

- 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the second data structure comprises an HTML data structure.
- 21. The system of claim 19, wherein the translator network device comprises a translator server.
- 22. The system of claim 19, wherein the data translated from the first data structure to the second data structure comprises the user information data.
- 23. The system of claim 19, wherein the data translated from the second data structure to the first data structure comprises the configuration data.
 - 24. The system of claim 19, wherein the translator network device is further arranged to:



communicate with the client device;

receive the data in the first data structure from the client device; and send the data in the first data structure to the client device.

